

## MOVE TOWARD SHOWDOWN IN FENDER LAW ARGUMENT

Chief of Police Chas. C. Healey was hit by a petition asking a writ of mandamus to compel him to enforce the fender law today. It was filed by attorneys for a fender company.

The fender companies are entering actively into the fight to push the fender law after the ordinance, being repassed five times, was slammed in an opinion from the corporation counsel's office. Chief Healey refused to enforce the law on the strength of this opinion.

The bill technically aims to force the police head to issue a certificate of approval for the Standard fender. The enforcement of the fender law itself, however, depends on the result of the case.

In its petition the fender company claims that the fender which it produces has been passed as satisfactory by the committee appointed to make fender tests. It recites the fender law with all its changes and amendments and finally the order of the council prepared by Ald. Otto Kerner, which demanded that Healey put the fender law into effect.

Thus far the fender fight has been carried on by Ald. Kerner, who introduced the original order after his aged father had been struck down and killed by a fenderless auto truck on Christmas day, 1912.

He had the ordinance passed and amended several times, and after three years of fighting found the law without effect because Chief Healey refused to enforce it.

When the fender companies offered to try court action to bring the chief to time, Kerner dropped the matter. If the petition for a mandamus is refused, he will take up the fender matter again in the council.

The bitter fight which loop department stores, express companies, Illinois Manufacturers' ass'n and big business in general has put up

against the fender law has been full of features.

The loop stores sent their managers to see the mayor, the express companies had a hundred go to the City Hall last summer to protest against the enforcement of the ordinance, the Illinois Manufacturers' ass'n sent circulars to its members telling them to "see" their aldermen.

Meanwhile the trust press has been very quiet on the fender business. The few stories that have been printed have hit fenders and read like press agent yarns.

And fenderless auto trucks smash about the city killing citizens.

## GARRISON BOOSTS ARMY PLAN —ROOSEVELT CRITICIZES

Washington, Jan. 6. — Americans must adopt voluntary military training or face conscription. This was Sec'y of War Garrison's warning when he opened the army national defense hearings before the house military committee.

He declared a large standing army undesirable and "utterly futile." He asserted reliance upon state militia "utterly unwarranted" as an "unstable foundation." His continental army plan, Garrison said, was the only feasible alternative if compulsory military training and conscription for service is to be avoided.

"If you adopt a system based on voluntary action (the continental army plan) and that fails, then policies based on universal service or some form of compulsory service will be enacted as the only remaining remedy," said Garrison.

New York, Jan. 6. — The national guard must come under federal control and the continental army proposed by Sec'y of War Garrison is a fallacy, a makeshift and a useless rival, according to Col. Roosevelt. He was reported to have expressed these views to the board of trustees by the American Defense society in a private address at the society's luncheon-conference.